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1. Two Chinese Communist naval gunboats, the MINGCHIANG (明江) and the CHANGCHIANG (長江), formerly stationed at Paiot'an (白鵝潭), Canton, left on 9 October 1951 and were replaced by the gunboats CH'ENCHIN (前進) and NINGHAI (寧海). One small cruiser, with a displacement of approximately 1,800 tons, which was transferred from Ch'iungchou (110-21, 20-02) Channel, has recently been observed at Paiot'an for the first time. "C-403" is painted on its side.

2. The Canton Inland Waterways Civil Transport Authority received orders to participate in military transport service during October 1951. The following vessels were commandeered for this purpose:

- a. The steamer TAYENSHAN (大雁山) from the Canton-Wuchou (111-19, 23-28) Line
- b. The steamer TAMINGHSING (大明星) from the Canton-Ch'uchiang (113-33, 24-50) Line.
- c. The tanker MINT'AI (民泰) from the Canton-Swatow Line.

Civilian traffic on these routes ceased for awhile, but was resumed on 23 October when the commandeered civilian vessels were released from the military service. During the time the vessels were being used by the military, they carried arms, ammunition and motor vehicles from Canton to Wuchou for the Supply and Service Command of the Central and South China Military Area.

1. [REDACTED] Comment. According to information available to this office, the Chinese officially rate some sloops, of from 1,000 to 2,000 tons as cruisers.

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